

## Message Text

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DEPT FOR A/SY/OPS; PANAMA FOR RTC FROM RSO; ASUNCION HOLD FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ASEC  
SUBJ: COM FULLY ARMORED VEHICLE

REF: A. STATE 42368, B. LA PAZ 1754, C. SCHEELE/DISNEY PHONECON -  
3/18/77

1. THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION IS BASED UPON EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH TSO'S, THE PSO AND POST OFFICIALS. IT IS FELT THAT THIS PROPOSAL PROVIDES AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE POSITIONS STATED IN REFTELS A AND B.

2. THE COM FAC HAS BEEN FULLY EXAMINED BY TSO SPARSHOTT AND IT APPEARS TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE TO INSTALL A REGULAR, FACTORY PRODUCED, OFF-THE-SHELF, NON-BULLET RESISTANT WINDSHIELD. POST WOULD FUND THE NEW WINDSHIELD AND WOULD THEN ASSUME ALL SUPPORT FOR THE VEHICLE AND THE FAC COULD BE REMOVED FROM SY CONTROL AND INVENTORY. ANY FUTURE MECHANICAL REPAIRS NECESSARY FOR THE CONTINUED SAFE OPERATION OF THE VEHICLE WOULD BE POST FUNDED. POST WOULD REQUEST, HOWEVER, THAT TRC SEABEE SUPPORT BE PROVIDED FOR INSTALLATION OF WINDSHIELD AS LOCAL WORKMANSHIP WOULD BE INFERIOR.

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3. POST WILL RETAIN 1976 CHEVROLET CAPRICE AND DESIRES THAT THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS BE MADE DURING NEXT SEABEE VISIT:  
A) 1/2 INCH LEXAN BE MOUNTED BEHIND ALL WINDOWS EXCEPT THE WINDSHIELD AS OUTLINED PARA 2 REFTEL A  
B) THAT THE SEATS BE REMOVED AND BALLISTIC NYLON BE INSTALLED OVER ALL FLOOR SURFACE AREAS IN AN ATTEMPT TO DEFEAT EXPLOSIVE DEVICES THROWN OR PLACED UNDER THE VEHICLE.

4. IT IS EXPECTED THAT WITH THE ADDITION OF THE NEW WINDSHIELD, THE FAC WILL PROVIDE ACCEPTABLE SERVICE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 8-12 MONTHS. UPON POST DETERMINATION THAT THE VEHICLE IS NO LONGER SAFE FOR OPERATION, THE 1976 CHEVROLET CAPRICE WILL BECOME THE COM OFFICIAL VEHICLE. MEANWHILE, THIS VEHICLE WILL BE USED BY THE DCM AND OTHER POST OFFICIALS.

5. POST HAS VOICED CONCERN ABOUT THE LOSS OF THE FAC AND URGES THAT IT REMAIN ON POST UNDER THE CONDITIONS OUTLINED HEREIN. RSO AND TSO CONCUR AND ENDORSE THESE PROPOSALS.  
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